

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Rewriting the script: preparing Overview and Scrutiny for the 'new localism'.

DATE: Tuesday February 8th, 2011
provided)

09:45 -15:00 (Lunch

Venue: 22 Upper Woburn Place, London, WC1H 0TB

Rates

LGIU Affiliated Organisations:

£150.00 (£176.25 inc VAT)

Others:

£250 (£293.75 inc VAT)

Description

The emergence of the new localism agenda and other governmental initiatives to restructure public service provision, coupled with severe budgetary restraints on local government, present both challenges and opportunities for Overview and Scrutiny.

The seminar will present an overview of the rapidly changing political, financial and institutional landscape for local authorities and public service providers and the potential impact on the work of Overview and Scrutiny committees. How can scrutiny rise to these challenges with fewer resources? What should its approach be and how can it continue to add value? What skills will non-executive councillors require to do this to best effect? Speakers from two authorities will explain how Overview and Scrutiny is attempting to meet these new challenges in their area.

During the seminar we will look at:

- the impact of the Government's programme, including the most recent developments in the Localism Bill; and the greater fragmentation in the delivery of public services at the local level, in such crucial areas as health, education and policing
- the challenges that this poses for Overview and Scrutiny in securing local political accountability
- what roles and activities scrutiny members might most usefully focus on in addressing these challenges

Who should attend:

- Overview & Scrutiny members
- Scrutiny managers and officers
- Members of LSPs, LSP sub-groups and thematic partnerships
- LSP managers and policy officers
- Voluntary sector leaders.

Trainer:

Tim Young worked in the corporate centre of three unitary authorities and was formerly Head of Scrutiny at the London Borough of Camden. He has researched, written and carried out work on partnerships, including health and community safety partnerships. He works as a trainer and consultant with local authorities, partnerships and voluntary organisations nationally, and is an Associate of the LGIU and the Centre for Public Scrutiny.

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PROGRAMME

9:45 -10:15 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

Morning Session

Introduction

Seminar's aims

The setting

The changing landscape for public service provision and scrutiny: an overview

Key issues

- How will the government agenda for public service provision affect local political accountability?
- What is the likely impact on Overview and Scrutiny?
- How might Overview and Scrutiny respond to these new challenges?
- What scrutiny skills are needed for these tough times?

11.30 Tea break

Case Study 1: Rotherham: making scrutiny 'fit for purpose'

Case Study 2: Barnsley: new skills for overview and scrutiny members.

12.45-13:30 LUNCH

Afternoon Session

Small group discussion and action planning session:

- What are or will be the big issues for you as scrutiny members in future?
- How do you see Overview and Scrutiny in your council responding?
- What barriers do you need to overcome?
- How might you do so? What would help?

Feedback

Discussion

Support – looking at future support needs

Evaluation

15.00 Close

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Postal bookings should be sent to the Events Team, LGIU, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0TB



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